

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

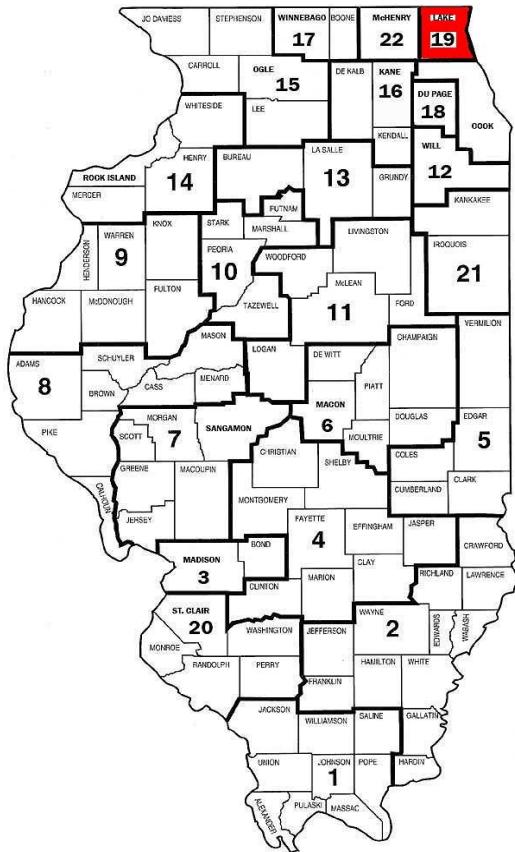
(Lake County)

Arbitration Program Information

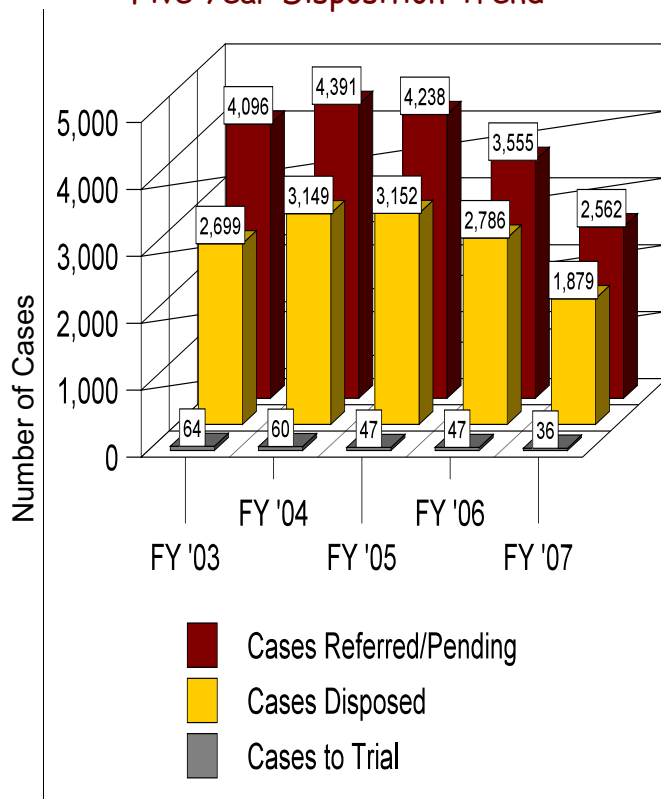
In December 1988, Lake County was approved by the Supreme Court to begin operating an arbitration program. The supervising judge is assisted by an arbitration program administrator and an administrative assistant. Arbitration hearings are conducted in a facility across the street from the Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan.

While cases referred to Lake County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 2,749 cases per year were referred to arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were either resolved during the arbitration process or, ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 73% (1,879 of 2,562 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Lake County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2007. This disposition rate is lower than the five year average of 76% and the statewide average of 81%.



Lake County
Five Year Disposition Trend



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**State Fiscal Year 2007
Lake County
At A Glance Arbitration Caseload
Information**

Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	2,562
Number of Cases Settled / Dismissed	1,879
Number of Arbitration Hearings	396
Number of Awards Accepted	69
Number of Awards Rejected	221
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	36

The data for Lake County's 2007 arbitration operations is reflected in the chart to the left. In Lake County, slightly more than 1% of cases (36 of the 2,562) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.